

New Hampshire Veterans Home

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Country Village Quilters Guild of Moultonborough Donates Quilts to the New Hampshire Veterans Home

TILTON, NH – November 20, 2003 – The New Hampshire Veterans Home recently welcomed several members of the Country Village Quilters Guild ("CVQG") of Moultonborough who presented a total of 24 bed-sized quilts for the Residents. The quilts feature patriotic themes, patterns and colors and provide a more homelike atmosphere. This is the second annual donation of quilts that the guild members have made to the Residents of NHVH. In November 2002, CVQG donated a total of 11 quilts and began their quest to outfit each of the 250 Resident beds. Members of CVQG are already working on the next donation of quilts and would welcome the assistance of fellow quilters. To inquire about donating fabric and squares for the project, please contact Nancy Collins, CVQG Community Outreach Chairperson at 603-323-7469.

About the New Hampshire Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home ("NHVH") was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to 150 men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of

NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents' quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents' lives. NHVH recently completed construction of a 100-bed Life Enhancement Dementia Unit that will serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents. Construction of the Life Enhancement Dementia Unit began in April 2002. The project is part of the State Home Construction Program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Under this program, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs contributed \$7,150,000 of the total project cost of \$11,900,000. The State of New Hampshire contributed the remaining \$4,750,000.MorrisSwitzer Environments for Health, Inc. based in Williston, Vermont was the architect for the addition. Harvey Construction Corporation of Bedford, New Hampshire served as the project builder.

Additional information is available online at our website www.state.nh.us/veterans



Members of the Country Village Quilters Guild are on a mission to provide each of the Resident beds at the New Hampshire Veterans Home with a handmade, patriotic quilt. Seated left to right are Sue Valliere, (Meredith), Barbara Nash (Laconia), and June Clarke (Weirs Beach). Standing left to right are Connie Richards (Weirs Beach), Sally Seiss (Meredith), Carol Austin (Center Harbor), Nancy Collins (North Sandwich), Carol Dreyer (Center Harbor), and Mary Taylor (Holderness).

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